



# Banks Avenue School



"Learning today to succeed tomorrow"  
*Kia mau ki ngā akoranga, kia tau ai āpōpō*

## NEWSLETTER

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Hi, kia ora, goeie dag, haileo, jou sanh, goedendag

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Thursday 26 March	Hanmer Camp Parent Information Evening at 7:00pm in the Rae McDonald Library Information Centre
Friday 27 March	Junior Module Maths Games – 12noon
Monday 30 March	PTA meeting – 7:00pm in the staffroom – all welcome
Tuesday 31 March	Team Miro REACH Reward at 1:30pm – please note change of date
Wednesday 1 April	Last day for Term One for the children – children dismissed at 3:00pm
<b>Thursday 2 April</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – School is closed for instruction</b>
Monday 20 April	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 21 April	Ferrymead Heritage Park Visit – Rooms 11, 12 & Year 3s in Room 7
Thursday 23 April	Ferrymead Heritage Park Visit – Room 15, 16 and Year 2s in Room 7
<b>Friday 24 April</b>	<b>ANZAC Ceremony 2:30pm at school</b>
<b>5 – 8 May</b>	<b>Year 5 – 6 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp</b>
<b>7 – 8 May</b>	<b>Year 4 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp</b>

*Banks Avenue School trip / event postponements and or cancellations will only be heard on NEWSTALK ZB 1098AM and CLASSIC HITS and viewed on our website: [www.banksave.school.nz](http://www.banksave.school.nz)*

**SCHOOLGEN LINK:** <http://schoolgen.co.nz/schoolgen-schools/banks-avenue-school-christchurch>

Dear Parents and Whānau

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou – a warm welcome to you all.

### Behaviour Management

Student well-being and safety is always paramount at Banks Avenue School. We know we need happy, healthy children if we are going to optimise learning.

We have two behaviour systems in place, in class and in the playground, to monitor and support children making wise choices. These two systems are based on a *steps system* which allows children to modify their actions before behaviours escalate. For most children our steps system works, however, there are always a few children that need more targeted behaviour modification and at that stage we seek support from families and often from other agencies. We believe that in working in partnership with families we can make school a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

We are aware that the huge majority of our children make positive choices most of the time. We know it is vital to acknowledge these children and celebrate their actions. In the senior school there are two REACH afternoons a term for the sole purpose

of rewarding the children who reinforce our school values on a daily basis. We also have playground tokens that we give to children who are making great choices.

As we move forward as a school we will continue to build on and focus on *positive behaviour for learning*.

As always if you have any concerns about your child's safety or well-being, please contact the class teacher in the first instance then senior staff if the issue persists.

### Camp: Years 4-6

This week camp information (7 pages) is coming home with specific details in relation to our senior school camp which will take place in Week 3 of Term 2. If you have children in Rooms 20-27 please read the notices carefully and return any forms to school as quickly as possible. *A huge thank you to Ms Thompson who has spent hours on camp preparation and organisation.*



## Camp Information Evening for Parents

All parents/whānau in Rooms 20-27 have been invited to a Camp Information Evening this Thursday, 27 March at 7:00pm, where *all things camp* will be explained. We look forward to seeing you here.

## Chocolate Sales

This Friday is the finish of round one of chocolate sales. Children are asked to bring all outstanding money in and / or return any unsold chocolates.



Sales of chocolates have now topped \$16,000 (note only a portion of this is profit). We are on track to be able to subsidise camp costs for those children who have sold at least two boxes of chocolate by \$40.00 a child.

Information about round two of chocolate sales will be coming home shortly.

## Cricket World Cup Banks Avenue Style

Our senior classes have had a number of coaching sessions with a cricket expert. Students will have the chance to share all of their new learning and expertise in our *Banks Avenue Cricket World Cup* on Friday. If you are free after lunch come down to watch the finals. *Thanks to Mrs Haig and Ms Thompson for your efforts with the organisation of this event.*



## Pride and Achievement Awards PIA Awards

Our PIA awards are a great chance for children to show initiative, to be self-regulating and to drive their passions with activities, learning and tasks outside of school hours.

Congratulations to these students who have received these awards this term:

### Bronze

Jacob Smit                      Room 27  
Hannah Shatford            Room 27

### Silver

Jessica Kennington         Room 27



## Mathletics

Mathletics is an awesome online maths resource that supports children to reinforce all of their math learning. It is not mandatory for children to enrol for mathletics but for those parents who can manage the \$25.00 cost, it is an awesome resource and it does embed learning. See your class teacher if you would like to take this opportunity. Numbers need to be confirmed by the end of the week and money paid by the end of the term.

A flyer with more information coming home with newsletter today.

## PTA News

### Fundraising - Supporting our School

Each year our PTA parents work very hard to organise and oversee a number of fundraising initiatives that directly benefit our children. These fundraising activities involve organising school discos, seed sales, holding sausage sizzles, managing and overseeing our second hand uniform shop and *lunch on line*.

The money they raise is then donated back to the school to help with class programmes or resources. This year they have decided they will be using the money they have raised to:

- Buy cubby trays for children's belongings in Dudley Block.
- Purchase some additional math text books.
- Buy some iPads and i-tune cards for Team Kahikatea.
- Buy reading activities and storage for Team Totara.
- Buy i-tunes cards for apps for Team Totara.
- Purchase additional storage containers.
- Support our Year 6 Leavers Ceremony with prizes and paying for engraving of cups.
- Fund sports uniforms to be laundered.
- Purchase books for our Parent Library (office foyer).
- Subsidize an accompanist for the school choir.

*A huge thank you to all of our PTA parents for your efforts and generosity!*

## New Parent Invitation

Next Monday, 30 March, is our next PTA meeting. The PTA have sent an invitation home to parents of children in the new entrant rooms. However any parent who is thinking that they may like to join the PTA is also invited to come along, meet the team, have a wine and see if they think they would like to join the PTA. This informal evening will start at

7:00pm in the school staffroom. New and enthusiastic parents will always be welcomed!

## Hip Hop Holiday Programme

Jen Dellabarca our PTA Chairperson is looking for numbers to run a Hip Hop Programme during the school holidays. A flyer with more information will be coming home today with the newsletter.

### Next meeting:

**Monday 30 March**  
**7:00pm in the staffroom**  
*All welcome*



**Invitations are going home to the parents new to our school.**

**Second Hand Uniforms** – the shop will be open from:

8.30 – 9:00am  
 2:45 – 3:15pm  
 on Friday 27 March

## Pause, Prompt, Praise (PPP) Programme

Next term I would like to set up the Pause Prompt Praise (PPP) programme. You may recall this was operating in the school in 2014 and was most successful.

This is a reading mileage programme where parent tutors listen to individual children read. The programme has clear guidelines for parent tutors who are also supported by our Resource Teacher of Literacy – Anna –Maria Williams and myself as the Learning Support teacher. The programme runs in the mornings 9:00-10:40am and last year operated in the library.

The programme had a wonderful group of parent tutors last year whose dedication and support played a key role in supporting children with their reading.

If you are interested in participating in this programme as a parent tutor, I would be most appreciative if you could return the reply slip, at the end of this newsletter, to the school office by Wednesday 1 April.

This programme has tremendous benefits. The feedback I received from all involved in 2014 was very positive. Thank you

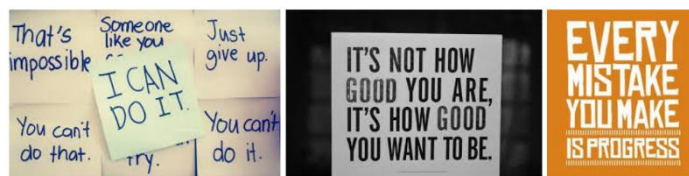
Rhonda Aitken  
 Learning Support Teacher

## Growth Mindset

Last week all of our senior staff attended a one day workshop on Growth Mindsets. In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They

spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort. They're wrong. In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities. Teaching a growth mindset creates motivation and productivity in the worlds of business, education, and sports. It enhances relationships.

At Banks Avenue School we want all of our students and teachers to have a growth mindset.



Don't Say	Do Say
I'm never going to get this.	What shall I try instead?
I'm awesome at this.	I seem to be on the right track.
I just can't do this!	I'm going to have to practise this.
This is just too hard!	This is going to take some time.
It's easy for her - she's just clever.	I'm going to work out how she's managing to do this.
My answer is fine the way it is.	What can I do to make my answer even better?



## Junior Module Maths Games Session

**Where:** In and around the Junior Module classrooms

**Date:** Friday the 27 March

**Time:** 12.00 -12.30 p.m.

We would like to invite parents, caregivers and/or grandparents to come to school to play some maths games with your child and perhaps some of their friends. Please bring a maths game with you to play, e.g., Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 etc. It will need to be a game that the children can sit down and play. Please stay and have lunch with your child if you wish. If you are staying for lunch please sit with your child in the junior lunch area.

We hope you can come no matter the weather. ☺



## What makes a team?



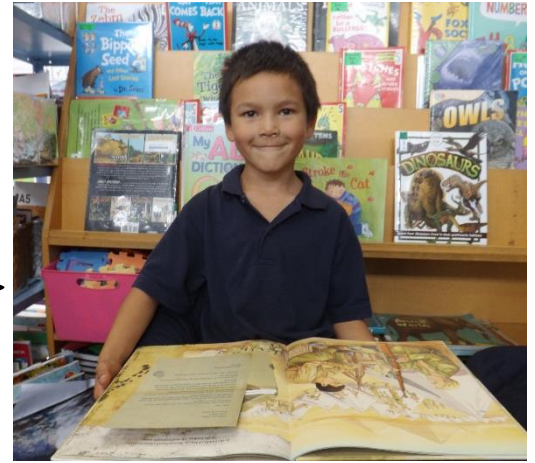
The pictures say it all!

- Work together
- Have fun
- Step out of your conform zone
- Wear a uniform
- Play a role
- Know what you want to achieve together
- Step back and say “job well done buddy!”

## Buddy Groups Working Together



# 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER



**Congratulations Jayden Howley from Room 16. Jayden is a darling wee boy who is going to Mrs Bagnall for Reading Recovery. He can be found reading every morning before school. He is trying really hard and his confidence is improving.**

**Keep up the great work Jayden. 😊**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting  
*Tuesday 28 April at 6:15pm*  
*In the Sky Room*  
*All welcome*



***“Release the stress. Learn to let go of the things you cannot control or change.”***

Yes!!! I would like to be a parent tutor for the **Pause Prompt Praise (PPP)** programme.  
 I am available on the following day(s) – please circle

**Monday                  Tuesday                  Wednesday                  Thursday                  Friday**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_